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ACCRA FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

LUSAKA PLEASE PASS TO CANADIAN HIGHCOM

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UNO FRANCIS DE, EDELSTEIN/MOORE

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: SC 5/5: BRIEFING SWAPO

1. ON ARRIVAL MAPUTO AIRPORT MAY 13 AM EDELSTEIN SPENT 40 MINUTES WITH NUJOMA (ARRIVING FROM LUANDA) AS RESULT BEING DRAWN INTO VIP WELCOMING CONTACTS BY SHARFUDINE KHAN, AN ACQUAINTANCE (DIRECTOR DIVISION OF AMERICAS/CANADA MOZAMBIQUE MFA). IN OVERHEARD REPLY TO PRESS QUESTIONS NUJOMA INDICATED DISINGENUOUS WILLINGNESS TO GO ALONG WITH ANY EFFORTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNGA RESOLUTIONS (STRESSED) AND SC RESOLUTIONS (ADDED AS AFTERTHOUGHT). HE VIGOROUSLY CRITICIZED SC 5 CAPE TOWN AMBASSADORS' VISIT TO WINDHOEK AS INDICATING ACQUIESCENCE IN RSA ILLEGAL ADMINISTRATION, AND SHOWED LITTLE INTEREST IN CONTACT GROUP'S (CG) EFFORTS.

2. IN SIDE CONVERSATION, EDELSTEIN COMMENTED TO OAU

AMBASSADOR OUTARA THAT NUJOMA WAS RESPONDING WITHOUT HAVING YET BEEN BRIEFED ON SUBJECT, AND GAVE SOME DETAILS OF ATTEMPTS MADE TO EFFECT HIGH LEVEL BRIEFING INCLUDING BY MCHENRY. OUTARA RAISED MATTER WITH NUJOMA IN FOUR-WAY CONVERSATION, INVOLVING EDELSTEIN AND KHAN AND SUGGESTING ELECTION OPERATION COULD BE OF INTEREST. NUJOMA COMMENTED HE HAD LITTLE FAITH IN WEO 5. THEY COULD HAVE SPOKEN TO OTHER SWAPO PEOPLE. TURNHALLE WAS TO GO AHEAD AND ALL THAT WAS ENVISAGED ANYWAY WAS OBSERVATION OF ELECTION. EDELSTEIN REFUTED THESE MISCONCEPTIONS. WHEN ASKED IF PRIVY TO DETAILS, SHE ACKNOWLEDGED, BUT STRESSED LACK OF EXPERTISE. PRESSED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, SHE HIGH-LIGHTED POSITIVE ACHIEVEMENTS OF CONTACT GROUP.

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3. OUTARA AND KHAN SUBSEQUENTLY ENGAGED NUJOMA IN EXCHANGE OF UTILITY OF EXPLORING ELECTION PROCEDURE, WITH OUTARA CLEARLY SYMPATHETIC AND KHAN ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION AS EXPEDITIOUS WAY BY WHICH SWAPO WOULD TAKE CONTROL OF NAMIBIA. MAJOR POINT OF DISCUSSION WAS QUESTION OF HOW, AND BY WHOM, RSA FORCES WOULD BE REPLACED. NUJOMA FELT SWAPO COULD EASILY TAKE OVER POSITION. OUTARA AND KHAN FELT UN/OAU GROUP WOULD BE REQUIRED. AT CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSION, NUJOMA ASKED IF EDELSTEIN WOULD PROVIDE HIM ON SPOT WITH PAPER EMBODYING DETAILS OF RESULTS OF TALKS; SHE SAID NO REPEAT NO BUT SUGGESTED VAGUELY THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO WRITE DOWN LATER ONE OR TWO POINTS.

4. IT SEEMS TO US PRESENT STATE OF NUJOMA IGNORANCE IS DANGEROUS TO FUTURE PROSPECTS OF CG - BEARING IN MIND THAT HE WILL ADDRESS MAPUTO CONFERENCE AS ONE OF KEY SPEAKERS MONDAY. YOU MIGHT CONSIDER IT DESIRABLE TO

INSTRUCT WEO 5/5 IN MAPUTO (MEETING TODAY TO DISCUSS CONFERENCE) TO BRIEF NUJOMA BY EVENING MAY 14 AND TO PASS PART II OF JOINT PAPER TO HIM. CONSIDER DELAY TO INCLUDE MURRAY (LATE MAY 15) OR YOUNG (MAY 16) MIGHT NEGATE POSSIBILITY OF DELETING MUCH OF THE MISINFORMATION THAT COULD SURFACE IN NUJOMA'S SPEECH AT CONFERENCE.

5. IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES SUGGEST TEXT GIVEN TO MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT MIGHT ALSO BE PASSED TO GOVERNMENTS OF ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA AT LEAST.

6. FOREGOING DISCUSSED WITH U.S. CHARGE CARSON.

7. UNO: GIVE STANDARD NAMIBIA EXERCISE DISTRIBUTION WITH DELIVER BY TO PERMISNY DAR AND CAPE TOWN (EXCLUDING LUSAKA).
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